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SENSE IN "MOVIE" CENSORSHIP

The motion picture producers are to be congratulated on their substitute for the Hughes Federal censorship bill, before the House Committee on Education. The measure they propose incorporates the features of a just censorship and more than meets the desires of people who believe there should be supervision of picture plays. The makers of pictures who propose the new measure have done more than the reformers who insist on eradication of scenes and plays that do not meet their personal approval.

They have done more for the reason that they have more at stake. The cutting and trimming of picture plays, or the suppression of productions, to conform to the moral views of people who would become the jailers rather than the guides of their brothers' consciences, means a positive financial loss to the film magnates. It is easy for a person who has no financial interest at stake to suppress this or that scene or story or painting; it is another thing for the man who has spent thought and time and money to see the fruits destroyed in so offhand

It should be remembered that the man with the big idea is very often entirely honest in his effort to premost beautiful manner possible acview any artistic production with policy. prurient eye, and yet others who are disposed to pander to that prurient taste. Both these classes are entitled to vigorous attention; and the moving picture people, in their substitute measure, recognize this con- vor. From any point of view it

THE VISITING NURSE'S WORK

In nearly every large industrial community there is now some system of industrial nurses. The Federal Government, the largest em- Moreover it would compel us for the ployer in the Capital, has no such provision for the health of its employes. It has remained for private enterprises to supply this need.

regarded as an instrument for the that it is well-nigh impossible that use of the very poor only. For the any nation can develop such a calast six months this society has been trying to dispel this idea. It has carried into churches, before citizens' associations, and to clubs its message of a desire to extend its services to those independent families of slender means who cannot afford to have a resident nurse. Many of those who can afford such a nurse have no place to room her, and do not need her continuous

In New York, in Boston, in Pittsburgh, and in other cities, the visiting nurse is called upon by persons in all walks of life. There is no stigma of poverty attached to land and make and store vast quanher visits. She fulfills a need of about 80 per cent of a city's population. It has often been said that the very rich and the very poor are assured of competent medical atten- changed as to drive our great estabtion, and that it is the great middle class that suffers. It is this class the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society of this city is now trying to reach.

This society comes before the public with no plea for funds. It asks no aid; it simply desires to serve. At its annual meeting, next Thursday ,at Rauscher's, it will outline this new policy and invites the public to hear its plans.

Continuing its present service to the poor, and widening its scope to those who can afford to pay a little, but not much; the society should become as important a factor in conserving the health of this city as have such agencies as the diet

kitchens and clinics. FROM BATTLE TO INDUSTRY

the war we cannot be flooded with tions would require, foreign products because labor will Turn now to the international as-

be scarce in Europe and taxes high. bodied men who ought to be eco- service to Germany, which she is nomic creators are now armed de- not entitled to expect from us bemore than twenty million not under been to sell munitions to every under arms for destruction. Thus sponding injury on the allies, who themselves producing but wiping out the upbuilding in peace times of

to the fields of industry, producing would become competing military not for sheer destruction but for machines; the rest would sink to the there will be a labor shortage?

On the contrary, with this sudden

anything they can get? .

cheap-labor products coming over- possibly match. whelmingly into the markets where they will sell to the best advantage litical aspects. What would be the -our markets-shall drive out our effect upon us of such a policy? own dear-labor products and send our own wage-earners off the pay-

AN EMBARGO ON MUNITIONS

There will be no embargo on shipments of munitions of war, be-President has not said he would do militaristic rule. Germany, instead so; but his general attitude of desent it in the most forciful or the termination to maintain the neutrality of this country justifies the cording to his estimate of what is confident prediction that executive thoughtful and beautiful. On the prerogative would be interposed that this nation has anything to other hand, there are people who against such a violation of that gain by arraying itself openly on Yesterday's discussion in the Sen-

sentimentality-which suggests the grave danger that such a measure might meet with Congressional fa- cated. would be a calamity to the nation. If neutral attitude, at variance with our policy in past times when we have as a neutral sold such supplies. and as a belligerent bought them. future to rely upon our own capacity to produce necessaries of war if ever we should need them. We have never possessed capacity equal to majority of the American people are Hitherto the Instructive Visiting our needs in war time. The specthat this majority has maintained a tacle of the present war teaches proper outward neutrality—which is mean sacrificing everything else to militaristic ideals. Looking at the matter first from

> such a time as the present there is absolute necessity for preparedness in this regard. The President said yesterday with all solemnity that he could not promise that our world-position would be as satisfactory tomorrow as it is today. Now, how shall we prepare ourselves? We might build factories all over the tities of munitions, against the day of a struggle that may not come; or that, coming, may bring with it new methods and materials so entirely lishments to the junk heap. Germany has shown how a nation

may build an industry of this kind herself the world's munitions headquarters; selling them wherever embargo. they were in demand, putting the business on a business basis, and making it possible to equip her own forces with what might be called the by-products of the industry.

of exactly this kind; to pay for plants and organizations from the proceeds of an industry that in the past we have never regarded as any- ten to the reminiscent, ah-yes-wething but legitimate. To drive pri- recall point now. vate capital out of this business would be to cast the huge burden of potential preparedness, in this inlustrial department, upon the Gov-One flank of the Wilson Admin- ernment. It is unbelievable that the istration organs, "organing" inde- Government would or could provide pendently of the other flank, persist- itself with the huge capacity that a ently declares it an axiom that after war of twentieth century propor-

pects of the matter. To embargo How's that? Twenty million able- munitions would be to render a great stroyers. The products of many cause her own policy has always arms are merely turned over to those buyer. It would inflict a correthere are twenty million not only not have relied for preparedness, not on the production of more than twenty great munitions works, but upon the million others as it is sent to them presumption that they could buy in

with taxes so high as they are and than Germany. Every country would with labor so diverted to war as it is, be compelled to equip itself with a the volume of our imports from bel- huge vapacity for turning out these ligerents as from others swells and supplies, as an insurance in case of swells. For the week ended Jan-need. It would force every country uary 22 they reached, at the thirteen to rely on its own resources in this principal customs districts of the regard; and in an era when war is United States, the prodigious total rampant in all the world, that would be to convert every country into an Now, when all those under arms arsenal or compel it to give up all and all those now producing merely hope of protecting itself. The powto supply those under arms get back erful and determined countries economic use, how can it be that status of easy victims for these powerful ones.

Where would the United States return of millions from the fields of then stand, if its policy were to battle to the fields of labor and the make munitions preparedness imposequally sudden translation of millions sible save through the utterly inadefrom producing war supplies to pro- quate possibilities of Government a little more than a laborer's pay. This ducing, or wanting to produce, peace manufacture? Japan would get They suffer enough hardships without supplies, how shall there not be more the orders that are now coming to being tortured with high standing colmen than jobs, more groups of men us; would increase her capacity in lars. The added expense incident to than industries, a very glut of labor? order to fill them; would presently When there are all these tens of possess the means to equip herself for at least seven months. It which the firemen and their families will have fields of peace—not only the occupa- would have scrapped the instrumention of the soldier gone, but the talities of such preparedness. Geroccupation of the man who supplied many, Russia, Britain, France, the soldier gone as well-how shall would be in the same position as t fail to be that these men, to keep Japan. Wherever trouble might body and soul together, will work for confront us, it would frown down upon us from a fortification of pre- them. How shall it fail to be that their paredness-power that we could not to the chiefs of the department by hav-

Turn now to the international po-

ed greatly. We would be made his superior practically her ally, for we would have violated neutrality in order to help her and injure her enemies. We would find ourselves misunderstood, cause if such a measure should pass despised, by the allied nations that President Wilson would veto it. The are trying to save the world from of appreciating what we had done for her, would despise us for our weakness and insularity and sentimentality. Surely nobody believes the militaristic side of this war and then pulling ourselves into a peaceate developed a sentiment—and a at-any-price shell! The difficulties of our international situation would be grossly increased and compli-

Finally, there is the question of effects on the domestic political pos- For peace itself should not so dull a it should become law, it would com- ture. Undeniably, there is a lot of mit the country to a highly un- silly sentimentalism, of half-thought altruism, back of this demand for But that defenses, musters, preparathe matter out to a logical conciusion. But if the embargo were once became apparent, then opinion would shift; there would be a realization in sympathy with the allies, despite Says Danbury Hatters' Article In more than the other side has done. The article about the Dan't pacity, short of converting itself into a very arsenal. That would the embargo action had served the hour's pay to the American Federation central powers and injured the allies; let it appreciate that our own security in the world had been fear-fully prejudiced; let it understand Recommends Two New the merely industrial and economic that we had in effect permitted the minority of our people to dominate our policy in so vital a matterthen, there would be a revulsion of results politically.

Factional feeling and bitterness would be accentuated tenfold. The evidences, already too plain, of the serious division of national sentiment in face of a great danger, would be multiplied. Men would be justified in asking themselves whether there is any true national sentiment here strong enough to enforce a policy in the interest of this nation as against any other or all

A lot of Congressmen would be at least economic cost. She made stronger for an embargo on petitions than for that petition for an

> The new idea seems to be: If we that we may be proud to do it.

Judging from the dispatches from The war has brought opportunity the Far East, Mr. Yuan stepped to equip this country with facilities into a great deal more than the imperial prerogatives.

Those Lusitania notes have got-

Why not write a note to Villa,

About all the present styles conconceal is the woman's age.

Former President Taft certainly s consistent about that Supreme Court job. He's lost it again.

Mr. Carlyle's little line of advice about keeping quiet until you have something to say isn't very popular on Capitol Hill these days.

Suggestion for a campaign slogan: 'See Mexico first."

Nobody Loves Fat Boy, So Edward Runs Away

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 .- "Dear Father-This kidding has gone too far. Nebedy Malcolm Bleving loves a fat boy. Give my love to Agnes, Charles Ruggles, my sister. Yours, Edward." on the battlefields to be blown out of existence.

Thus the United States would take Taxes in Europe are certainly high new to carry on the war, higher than they ever will be after the war. But the United States would take the police to search and the police to search about the police to se

MAIL BAG

(From The Times' Readers)

Communications to the Mail Bag rust be written on one side of the paper only; must not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed with name and address of sender. The publication of letters in The Times' Mail Bag does not mean the indorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum, where the citizens of Washington can argue most questions.

Declares New Uniforms Are Financial Hardship To Firemen.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Through the columns of your paper you have done a lot for the working classes of our city. Please consider

The firemen are obliged to buy these elaborate new uniforms on a salary of the purchase of these uniforms will rehas not been necessary to dress the men

The change of the tyle of uniforms will leave the members of the department with no less than 1,000 good uniforms of the old style on their hands, with practically no chance to wear

up and decorate them with service

ing an inspection board, which is com-posed of a captain and a private, who have the authority to inspect all cloth-ing, and can order their superior offi-cers to get new uniforms when they Germany would be the instant beneficiary. Her cause would be aid-dinate in a position where he can order officer to get a new uniform and pass on it as to whether it fits.

The new uniforms should have been issued November 1 for the men to wear, but, owing to the large number of misfits and several other some of the men have been obsome of the men have been obliged accept their uniforms whether they or not, if they hope to get any benefit out of them before the winter is over. FRIEND OF THE FIREMEN.

Asks If Teacher Did Not Denounce Peace Talk.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: 'Parent' certainly cannot complain

that all the teachers at Western favor 'peace' talks or peace talkers. Didn't one of the teachers denounce the lecturer in question in no uncertain

terms? SX I am informed. And didn't another teacher give as a study a play called "King Henry V." written by one William Shakespeare, in which one of the dramatis personse, Prince Dauphin, "It is most meet we arm us 'gainst the

(Though war, nor no known quarrel

tions. the embargo. It refuses to reason should be maintained, assembled and

As were a war in expectation.' I do not know that that particular imposed and enforced, and results play was given to the class with malice eacher had read it

"Parent." Western is all right on preparedness ANOTHER PARENT.

Times Was Very Interesting.

Washington, Jan. 20.

of Labor, whether I belong to the uni-WHLLIAM M. R

Washington, Jan. 25. Buildings for G. W. U.

Erection of a science hall and a law chool building for the Ceorge Washington University has been recommended feeling that would produce telling to the board of trustees by Rear Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton, U. S. The board is expected to give the matter consideration at its next meeting.

Next Week's Films

The photopiay epicure will find menu calculated to satisfy his appetite in the program offered to the patrons of Crandall's for the coming week. Sunday and Monday the Vitagraph "blue ribbon" feature, "Thou Art the Man" with Virginia Pearson and Joseph Kilgour in leading roles, will be shown "Thou Art the Man" is a story of An-glo-Indian life of the present day

which finds its foundation in the Bibli-al story of Uriah. Tuesday and Wednesday, Molly Mcmust fight, let's get ready to fight so that we may be proud to do it.

Intyre is to be seen in the Equitable production of "Her Great Hour," a play of love and mystery, abounding in licent interest. Alice Brady will be seen Thursday and Friday in "The Ballet Cirl." which is based upon Grace George's success, "Carnival." "The Ballet Girl" deals with La Syrena, a beautiful and famous daffeer, and her lovely daughter, in whose blood there is a craving for stage fame. Miss Brady enacts both parts, and Holbrook Bling has the principal male role.

Blinn has the principal male role. Some of the foremost successes of the Paramount, Metro and Essanay grams are to be seen at Crandall's Apollo during the coming week. Sunday, Mary Pickford will be seen in "Esmeralda," founded on the movel of the same name by Mrs. Prenses Hodgson Burnett.

n Burnett.
"The Masqueraders" is to be seen Monday with Hazel Dawn featured. The program for the remainder of the week includes. Tuesday, Tyrone Power and Edith Johnson in "Sweet Alyssum:" Wednesday, Lionel Barrymore in "A Yellow Streak;" Thursday, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird;" Friday, "The Alster Case," and Saturday, "A Circus Romance." Monday with

The bill for the coming week at Leader Theater embraces some of the greatest successes on the Paramount program. "The Straight Road." Clyde Fitch's drama, with Gladys Handson the District division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was con-Flich's drama, with Gladys Handson and Arthur Hoods featured, is to be the principal attraction for Sunday. Monday Monday and Tuesday Fannie Ward will be convention this morning at the Confeddrav and Tuesday Fannie Ward will be crate Memorial Hall. convention this morning at the Confederate Memorial Hall. seen in "The Cheat," which, while giv-ing her ample opportunity to display her talents as a mirth-provoker, has a signed to increase the usefulness of Throat Hospital, at the recent annual the organization.

serious purpose as well.

Maclyn Arbuckle is to be seen on
Wednesday and Thursday in "The Re-

Friday and Saturday the all-star production of "The Girl of the Golden West" is booked. This drama has continuation of the convention, to be breasurer; Mrs. Whilam

Striking Points in the AMERICA WILL WAIT President's Speeches

TO RAILWAY MEN.

We live in a world which we did not make, which we cannot alter, which we cannot think into a different condition from that which actually exists. It would be a hopeless piece of provincialism to suppose that because we think differently from the rest of the world we are at liberty to assume that the rest of the world will permit us to enjoy that thought without

It is a surprising circumstance also that men should allow parti-san feeling or personal ambition to creep into the discussion of this fundamental thing [defense]. How can Americans differ about the

we have preferred to be provincial. We have preferred to be provincial. We have preferred to stand behind protecting devices. And now we are thrust out to do, on a scale never dreamed of in recent generations in America the boat generations in America, the busi-ess of the world. We can not long-er be a provincial nation.

Let no man dare to say, if he would speak the truth, that the question of preparation for national defense is a question of war or defense is a question of war or

of peace.

There is no spirit of aggrandizement in America. There is no desire on the part of any thoughtful and conscientious American man to take one foot of territory from any nation in the world. And I myself share to the bottom of my heart that profound love for recombinations. found love for peace. I have sought to maintain peace against very great and sometimes very odds, and I am ready at any time to use every power that is in me to prevent such a catastrophe as war coming upon this country. But, gentlemen, there is something

that the American people love better than they love peace. They love the principles upon which their political life is founded. • • Because if life is founded. Because if there is one thing that the country ought to fight for and that every nation ought to fight for, it is the integrity of its own convictions. We cannot surrender our convictions. I would rather surrender territory than surrender those ideals, which are the staff of life for the soul itself. The first and primary obligation is the maintenance of the integrity of our own sovereignty—which goes as of course. There is also the maintenance of our liberty to develop our political institutions without hindpolitical institutions without hind-rance, and last of all there is the dermination and the obligation stand as the strong brother of all those in this hemisphere who will maintain the same principles and fol-low the same ideals of liberty.

We have slowly, very slowly, in-deed, begun to win the confidence of the other states of the American hemisphere. If we should go into Mexico, do you know what would Mexico, do you know what happen? All the sympathies of the rest of America would look across the water, and not northward, to the great republic which we profess

men, that the United States needs to fear an invasion of its own terri-tory. What America has to fear, if she has anything to fear, are indi-fect, roundabout, flank movements, upon her regnant position in the

rect, roundabout, flank movements, upon her regnant position in the Western Hemisphere.

Perhaps when you learned that I was expecting to address you on the subject of preparedness you recalled the address which I made to Congress something more than a year ago, in which I said that this question of military preparedness was not a pressing question. But more than a year has gone by since then, and I would be ashamed if I then, and I would be ashamed if I had not learned something in four-teen months. The minute I stop changing my mind as President with the change of all the circumstances in the world I will be a back num-

There is another thing which I have changed my m year ago I was not in favor of a tariff board. And I will tell you why: Because then the only purpose of a tariff board was to keep alive an unprofitable controversy.

But the circumstances of the press But the circumstances of the preson in the world under our eyes an

economic revolution. I hear a great many things pre-dicted about the end of the war, but don't know anything about what

s going to happen when the war is over, and neither do you. America will never be the aggres-America will always seek to the last point at which her honor is in-volved to avoid the things which dis-turb the peace of the world. But America does not control the circumstances of the world, and we must be sure that we are faithful serbe sure that we are faithful ser-vants of those things which we love and are ready to defend them against every contingency that may affect or impair them.

vania Avenue as Leg-

Band Gives.

If Harry Putnam, the Penn Yan, N.

Y, bank clerk who captured a robin

with a note and the photograph of a

pretty girl wrapped around its leg.

writes to the Washington address given

in the note, the romance-in-the-making

thirty, single, and good looking." as the

Beatrice Hinman, its writer, at 1182

Pennsylvania avenue, this city-the ad-

There isn't any such address. In the

northwest section the 1100 block-on the

south side, where the even numbers run

is occupied by the city postoffice

department. In the southeast section, the north-even numbered-side of Penn-

cause it made no particular affort to

fly, he says, he just thought he would see if he could catch it; and did so without difficulty.

ACCEPTS PROPOSALS

The amendments proposed were de-

The matter was first discussed at the

U. D. C. CONVENTION

visylvanja avenue is a park.

dress which she gave.

specified, he will not find Miss

will not culminate. Even if he is "under

I found out what was going on in Mexico in a very singular way-by hearing a sufficiently large number of liars talk about it.

Referring to Lincoln's expression about fooling the people, the President added:

And yet there are some humbugs that have been at large a long time. The best way to silence any friend of yours whom you know to be a fool is to induce him to hire a hall. Nothing chills pretense like exposure; nothing will bear the tests of examination for a shorter length of time than pretense.

I can point out to you a few men; of course I am not going to name them now, whom every man ought to afraid of because nothing but the truth resides in them. Men, I have one particular man in mad, whom I have never caught thinking bout himself. I would not dare make pretense in the presence of that man even if I wanted to. His eyes contain the penetrating light of truth before which all disguises fall

I suppose there is always a rising generation whom they can fool, but the older heads ought not to permit themselves to be fooled; and I should think that in a year like the year 1916, when there is to be a common reckoning for everybody, men would hurry up and begin to tell the truth. They are not hurrying about it; they are taking their time. But the American people are going to insist upon it before the year is over—that everybody come up and be counted in the great questions of the day. In the great question to take any They are not going to take any excuses; they are not going to take any pretenses; they are going to insist upon the goods being delivered on the spot. And anybody that de-clines to deliver them is going to go bankrupt, and ought to go bank-

I have sometimes been very much chagrined in seeing myself in the motion pictures. I have often won dered if I really was that kind of a I came here to say I hoped you would not believe that I am what I appear to be in the pictures you make of me. I really am a pretty decent fellow.

Some of my opinions about some men are extremely picturesque; and if you could only take a motion picture of them you would think it was Vesuvius in eruption. And yet, all these volcanic forces, all these things that are going on in-side of me, have to be concealed under a most grave and reverent exterior and I have to make believe that I have nothing but solemn thoughts all the time, where there is a lot going on inside of me that would be entertaining to any audiwish there were less talking to

do. My object in life is not talk-ing. I wish that everybody did not have to be persualed to do the right thing. I wish that the things that are obvious did not have to be explained: I wish that principles did not have to be re-expounded. We all, in our hearts, agree on the fundamental principles of our lives, of our life as a nation. Now we ought to tax ourselves with the duty of seeing that those principles are realized in action

The only difficult things in life are the application of the principles of right and wrong. I can set forth the abstract principles, and so can you, but when it comes down to an individual item of conduct, whether in public affairs duct, whether in public affairs or private, there comes the pinch. If we could only agree that in all matters of public concern we would adjourn our private interests, look each other frankly in the face, and say. "We are all ready at whatever sacrifice to our own interests to do in common the thing that the common weal demands"-what an frresistible force America would be I am always ready for r figh it is a proper light. I would f to 'persuade the other fellow

righteousness. ness, has for its foundation justice without aggression.

It is not a case of knock down and drag out. It is a case of put-

ting up the best reason why your own side should survive. I believe in peace, justice and rightenusiess-and peace cannot exist without these last two.

The American people are ready to fight any time for the vindication of their character or their honor. We will at no time reck a con-test, but we will not cravenly avoid

The one thing that America re-sents is anything that interferes with its life or freedom.

Fictitious Address Western Reserve U Of Girl on Pigeon

No Such Number On Pennsyl- Washington Alumni of Ohio In-

ton District Alumni Association of the university, at the Ebbitt last night.

The banquet was arranged by retiring President Morris J. Holo and Secretary

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs William H. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davidson, John H. Dynes, P. Foote, R. S. Gehr, Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Hole, Ernest McKelvy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morris, L. W. Schad, D. H. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Claxton, Dr. Rebekah—Dorcas, No. 4; Martha Washington, Rogers, Dwight Wiegman, Baltimore; Frank Stahl, Richmond; Rev. Eldridge Mix. Farmville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haywood, Mr. Roberson, Senator i Mrs. Pomerene, Congressman W. Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles

The amendment of the constitution of Hospital Lady Managers Elect Mrs. David M. Lea

Mrs. David Meade Lea was elected Keith's-Vaudeville, 2:13 and 8:15 p. m. presheent of the board of lady managers of the Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Low's Columbia-Photodays, 10:30 a. m. to meeting of the board. Other officers chosen were Mrs. William H. Fox. first annual convention held about a month vice president; Mrs. Edward J. Stellorm Candidate." The company in-lorm Candidate. The company in-ludes Myrtle Stedman, Howard Davies, ago, and in order to give all the dele-malcolm Blevins. Mary Ruby, and gates an opportunity to familiarize Faber Stevenson, recording secretary; ther selves with the matter the conven- Mrs. Alexander L. Pope, corresponding tion decided upon another meeting, a secretary; Mrs. John M. McKinney sistant treasurer, and a house commit-tee made up of Mrs. Edward M. Mix, W. Estes, and Mrs.

'REASONABLE TIME' FOR BRITISH REPLY

U. S. Diplomatic Agents Will Not Be Molested Again.

Officials Believe Pouches From

LANSING ASKS EARLY ACTION

English Practice of Censoring American Mails Is Opposed in Vigorous Note.

Secretary of State Lansing said today that the United States Government will wait a reasonable time for the promsed reply from Great Britain to the American protest on mail seizures before proceeding further.

Meanwhile, officials believe that the pouches of America's diplomatic repretation. The strongest language in the American protest, the text of which was given out last night, was directed against this practice.

The American note specifically men tions the removal of 734 bags of parcel post mail from the steamer l'nited States and 537 bags of parcel mail on the steamer Frederick, destined to Scandinavian ports, together with 58 bags of parcel post mail on the steamer Stock-holm and 5,000 packages of merchandise, American property, on the steamer United States, en route from Scandi-

lavian ports to the United States. "Mails Not To Be Censored."

Removal of all mails, "including sealed mails and presumably the American diplomatic and consular dispatches from the Dutch steamer New Amsterdam on December 23, and the removal from the Dutch steamer Doorder Dyke of American mail from the United States to Rotterdam, brought the sharp-

states to Rotterdam, brought the sharp-est protest. The Noorder Dyke mails are still held up.
"Modern practice generally recog-nizes that mails are not to be censored, contiscated or destroyed on the high seas even when carried by belligerent ships," the American protest says.
"To attain the same end by bringing such mail ships within writish juris-diction for purposes of search and diction for purposes of search and then subjecting them to local regula-tions allowing consorchip of mails cannot be justified on the grounds of na-tional jurisdiction."

The protest adds that the British are a no wise responsible for the transit resafety of mails on neutral ships or safety of mails on neutral ships which merely touch at British ports and therefore have no right to remove or censor such mails.

"As a result of British action." the note says, "strong feeling is being aroused in this country on account of the loss of valuable letters, money orders and drafts, and foreign banks are refusing to cash American drafts owing to the absence of any security that the drafts will travel safely in the mails.

Prompt Action Urged. "Moreover the detention of diplomatic and consular mails is an aggravating circumstance in a practice which is generally regarded in this country as exatiously inquisitorial and compensating military advantage to Great Britain."

igorous protest, press for "these unwarranted interferences with inviolable mai's," impress upon Sir Edward Grey cessity for prompt action. Objections to parcel post seizures are based on the same grounds as objec-tions to seizures of American express and freight shipments. The protests against seizure and detention of cargoes, through refusal of the I States to recognize the British I ade as an effective one, are held to apply with equal force to parcel post.

The ad interim reply of the British The ad interim reply of the British government says that Great Britain is consulting with the French government

test of the United States Government IN CAPITAL TODAY

and will make an early reply to the pro-

Men Name Dynes

Washington Alumni of Ohio Institution Hold Annual Banquet at Ebbitt.

Senator Pomerene and Congressman Gordon of Ohio, Commissioner of Education Claxton, and President Charles Thwing, of Western Reserve University, Ohio, were among the speakers at the annual reunion dinner of the Washington District Alumni Association of the Mashington District Alumni Association District Alumni Association of the Mashington District Alumni Association Indicated Parks School and Community Association, John Eaton School, Thirty-fourth and Lowell School, Thirty

8 p. m. Meeting, Local Central Socialist party, 311 E university, at the Ebbitt last night.

At a brief business session, officers were chosen as follows: John H. Dynes, Washington, president; Albert B. Bushnell, Forest Glen, Md., vice president; P. Foote, Washington, re-elected secretary of the property of

Souls Church, 142 Church Street northwest, Entertainment and dance, parish hall, Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown, 8 p. m. Installation of officers, George Dewey Camp. No. 7 U. S. W. V., northeast Masonio Temple, 8 p. m. Masonic-St. John's, No. 11; Hope, No. 26; Royal Arch, Capitol, No. 11; Anacostia, No. 12; Mt. Pleasant, No. 13.

Fastern Star-Takopus, No. 12; Cathedral, No. 12; Cathedral, No. 13. Eastern Star Takoma, No. 12: Cathedral, No. 14: St. John's Lodge, No. 18.
Odd Fellows-Phoenix, No. 28: Central, No. 1.

ore; No. 3. dee, Knights of Pythias-Syracustans, No. 10: Rathbone-Superior, No. 29. Pythian Sisters-Rathbone Temple, No. 4.

National Union-East Washington Daughters of America-Golden Rule Council, No. 10, U. S. W. V.-Gen. Emmett Urell Auxiliary.

Arausements. Poll's—"The Greatest Nation," \$:50 p. m. Poll's—"The Law of the Land," 7:15 and 8:15

Tomorrow. A., Takoma Park, 3 p. m.
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Socialist party Social supper, \$11 E street Daughters of America-Wheeling Club.